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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15, and 19-21 have been canceled. Claims 4, 10, 16, and 22 have been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. AMMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

One paragraph of the Specification is amended to replace a docket number reference with a reference to the application by serial number and filign date. The amendment includes no new matter.

II. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 13-24 are objected to due to informalities in the preamble of independent claims 13 and 19. Claims 14-18 and 20-24 are objected to as depending upon one of the independent claims 13 and 19.

Claims 13 and 19 have been canceled. The preamble as it exists in amended claim 16 differs from the objected to preamble of claim 13 as follows:

A method of operating a control unit to provide ~~providing a communication interface between: i) a telephone line that is coupled between the a-control unit and an a public switched telephone network (PSTN) service provider central office; and ii) -and a logical channel that is between the control unit and a real time communication device over a packet switched local area network, the method~~ of operating the control unit comprising:

The preamble as it exists in amended claim 22 differs from the objected to preamble of claim 19 as follows:

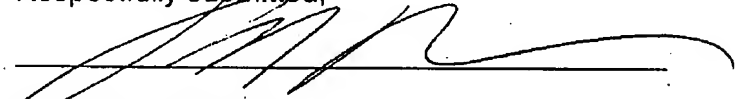
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Accordingly, claims 4-6, 10-12, 16-18, and 22-24 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15, and 19-21 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Published Application 2003/0093563 A1 to Young et al. in view of US Published Application 2001/0012305 A1 to Kozdon et al.

Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15, and 19-21 have been canceled.

IV. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-6, 10-12, 16-18, and 22-24 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4, 10, 16, and 22 have been amended to independent form including all limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims.

Each of claims 5-6, 11-12, 17-18, and 23-24 dependent from one of claims 4, 10, 16, and 22.

V. CONCLUSION